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Northern Rhodesia: [Serious political and economic difficulties appear to be developing in Northern Rhodesia, which is scheduled to receive its independence as Zambia on 24 October.]

[Moderate Prime Minister Kaunda is under increasing pressure from extremist nationalists to get in step with radical African thinking. The extremists have already pushed him into inviting Communist China rather than Taiwan to the independence ceremonies. Several leading moderates evidently are now so concerned over Kaunda's yielding to this element that they may leave the cabinet and oppose him openly.]

[Northern Rhodesia, Britain and the British South Africa Company meanwhile have failed to resolve the question of future ownership of mineral rights in the country.]

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[The Northern Rhodesian finance minister has warned that his government may expropriate the rights after independence. The copper industry in Northern Rhodesia is the third largest in the world.]

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[A fight over mineral rights is likely to play into the hands of the extremists and may critically damage the British position in the new state.]

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Kennedy Round: [The Kennedy Round tariff negotiations appear to be in serious difficulty as a result of a breakdown in the discussions between the US and the EEC on rules for negotiating on agriculture products.]

[Representatives of the EEC Commission, meeting in Geneva with US negotiators at the end of last week, put forth a new proposal which retreated substantially from the cooperative position they had adopted in recent discussions. The US has maintained that failure to reach agreement on agricultural rules would preclude the US from presenting its offers of tariff cuts on industrial items and thus stall the entire Kennedy Round. The EEC representative in Geneva has now suggested that the US should take the responsibility for postponing the scheduled 16 November date for presenting such offers.]

[Ambassador Tuthill in Brussels believes the community's harder line may reflect the view that Erhard's agreement to a unified grain price can be better assured through a crisis in the GATT negotiations than by pressure from the EEC members. The US Mission also points out, however, that the EEC attitude reflects differing approaches to agriculture among the member states themselves. In particular, there remains the basic French insistence on better outlets within the EEC for its agriculture, combined with a "certain callousness" toward the success of the Kennedy Round.]

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*British Guiana: [Cheddi Jagan's chances in the 7 December elections may suffer if his administration fails to deal effectively with complaints among rice farmers. It appears that the Rice Marketing Board, which is responsible for procurement for the industry, has failed to obtain sufficient bags for storing this year's crop, which the farmers fear will thus be lost in the rainy season now beginning. Last year bags were obtained at the last minute from Cuba, but there are as yet no signs that such shipments are to be forthcoming now.]

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